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1. CONGEN MAY FREELY USE INFORMATION IN PARAS 2 AND 3.
 2. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC (GKR) LAGS SIGNIFICANTLY BEHIND SIHANOUK'S ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION (GRUNK) IN TERMS OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION. GRUNK SURGED AHEAD ON THE BOX SCORE FOLLOWING THE ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE LAST SEPTEMBER WHEN THE SOVIET BLOC AND
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A COVEY OF ARAB STATES WERE CARRIED AWAY WITH PAN AFRICAN/

ARAB EXUBERANCE AND RECOGNIZED SIHANOUK.

3. WE COUNT SOME 45 MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH RECOGNIZE GRUNK. THESE ARE: AFGHANISTAN, ALBANIA, ALGERIA, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, BYELORUSSIAN SSR, CAMEROON, CAR, CHAD, CHINA, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DAHOMEY, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, EGYPT, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GABON, GAMBIA, GUINEA, HUNGARY, IRAQ, LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MALTA, MAURITANIA, MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, NIGER, PEKISTAN, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALI REPUBLIC, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, UGANDA, UKRANIAN SSR, USSR, TANZANIA, UPPER VOLTA, YUGOSLAVIA, ZAMBIA. THE GRUNK CAN ALSO COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF BAHRAIN, GUYANA, NEPAL,

POLAND, SRI LANKA AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES IN UN FORA. ELSEWHERE, NORTH KOREA, BANGLADESH, NORTH VIETNAM AND EAST GERMANY TENDER RECOGNITION TO THE GRUNK.

4. THE GKR IS RECOGNIZED BY THE FOLLOWING 36 UN MEMBER STATES: AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, BURMA, CANADA (INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION), COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DENMARK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, FRANCE, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, INDIA, INDONESIA, ISRAEL, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAPAN, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, LAOS, LUXEMBURG, MALAYSIA, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, SINGAPORE, SPAIN, THAILAND, UK, USA, URUGUAY.

5. THE GKR CANNOT COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF POLAND AND IN FACT EXPECTS MOMENTARILY A RUPTURE IN RELATIONS. THE GKR GETS NO INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FROM FRANCE. NEVERTHELESS, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT APPLIES, THE GKR DOES GET RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THE GKR HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FROM AUSTRIA, BHUTAN, BOTSWANA, BRAZIL, CHILE, FIJI, GHANA, GREECE, IRELAND, JORDAN, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, MALAWI, MEXICO, PANAMA, PORTUGAL, SOUTH AFRICA, SWAZILAND, AND VENEZUELA. ALSO SYMPATHETIC BUT UNWILLING TO BE COUNTED IN FAVOR OF THE GKR: NORWAY, TURKEY, ZAIRE, OMAN, INDIA, KENYA AND RWANDA.

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6. THE 28TH UNGA DECIDED 53 TO 50 WITH 21 ABSTENTIONS TO DEFER THE QUESTION OF KHMER REPRESENTATION UNTIL THE 29TH SESSION.

7. FYI. BASED ON INCOMPLETE DATA AND ASSUMPTION THAT ALL OF SIHANOUK'S FRIENDS WILL SHOW UP, WE PROJECT FROM THE ABOVE A POSSIBLE CREDENTIALS DEFEAT OF THE GKR AT THE

LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE AT GENEVA 50 TO 48 WITH 24 ABSTEN-
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